

**A New Model for:**  
**Sustainable Energy Services  
and Economic Development  
in Off-Grid Communities**

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***Community Power Corporation***

Energy Systems for Sustainable Development

**Developing New Commercial Models and Technologies  
For Sustainable Energy Services and Economic  
Development in Off-Grid Communities**



**Community Power Corporation**

Energy Systems for Sustainable Development

## **Our Mission and Vision**

***Community Power Corporation designs and delivers high-value energy-related products and services to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions of the more than two billion people in the world who lack access to modern energy services.***

***Our vision is to be a global leader in providing affordable, environmentally-friendly, distributed power generation products that use renewable energy.***



# ***Community Power Corporation***

Energy Systems for Sustainable Development

- Founded by Robb Walt and Art Lilley in 1995 following 20+ years with Westinghouse – Advanced Energy Systems and International Projects
- Goal: Apply a decade of experience in renewable energy technologies and two decades of experience in developing countries to find solutions to sustainable generation and delivery of modern energy services on a market-driven basis
- Accomplishments:
  - First PV/Hybrid village power projects in Torres Strait, Mexico, Indonesia, Philippines
  - First private sector “Fee-For-Service” village power projects in Indonesia and the Philippines (Business Plan, Electrification Plan, Power Systems, Training)
  - First fully automated Small Modular Biopower System for village power
  - First wood-gas “Turbo Stove” to solve chronic health problems for women and children due to indoor air pollution

# CPC's Product Development Facility

Near Denver, Colorado (20 minutes to NREL)



A New Facility for Product Design, Engineering, Fabrication and Testing

# CPC's Technologies and Products Support Sustainable Development

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**UtiliMeter (2 Models)**



**Small Modular Biopower Systems**



**Small PV-LPG Hybrids**



**Biomass Stirling Battery Charger**



**SMB Powered Mini Coconut Oil Mill**



**Turbo Stove**



# CPC's Technologies Make Life Better

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**Quality of Life**



**Electricity** (households, enterprise,  
schools, clinics, etc.)

**Efficient, healthy cooking**

**Economy of Life**



**Electricity & Heat for livelihood projects**

**Access to markets**

**Quality of Environment**



**Use renewable energy**

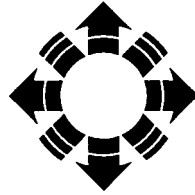
**Sun**

**Ag residues**

**Wind**



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**NREL**

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**Shell**

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### **New Market Driven Technologies:**

- Small Modular Biopower Systems
- Pre-payment energy service meters
- Bio-Stirling power systems
- Bio-Fuel Cell Home Power Systems

### **New Commercial Models:**

- Private sector investments
- Fee-for-service
- Public/private sector partnerships

### **New Markets for Renewable Energy Technologies:**

- Off-Grid Rural Electrification
- Distributed Generation

Philippines  
California, New York



# World's First IRES\* Community – Alaminos

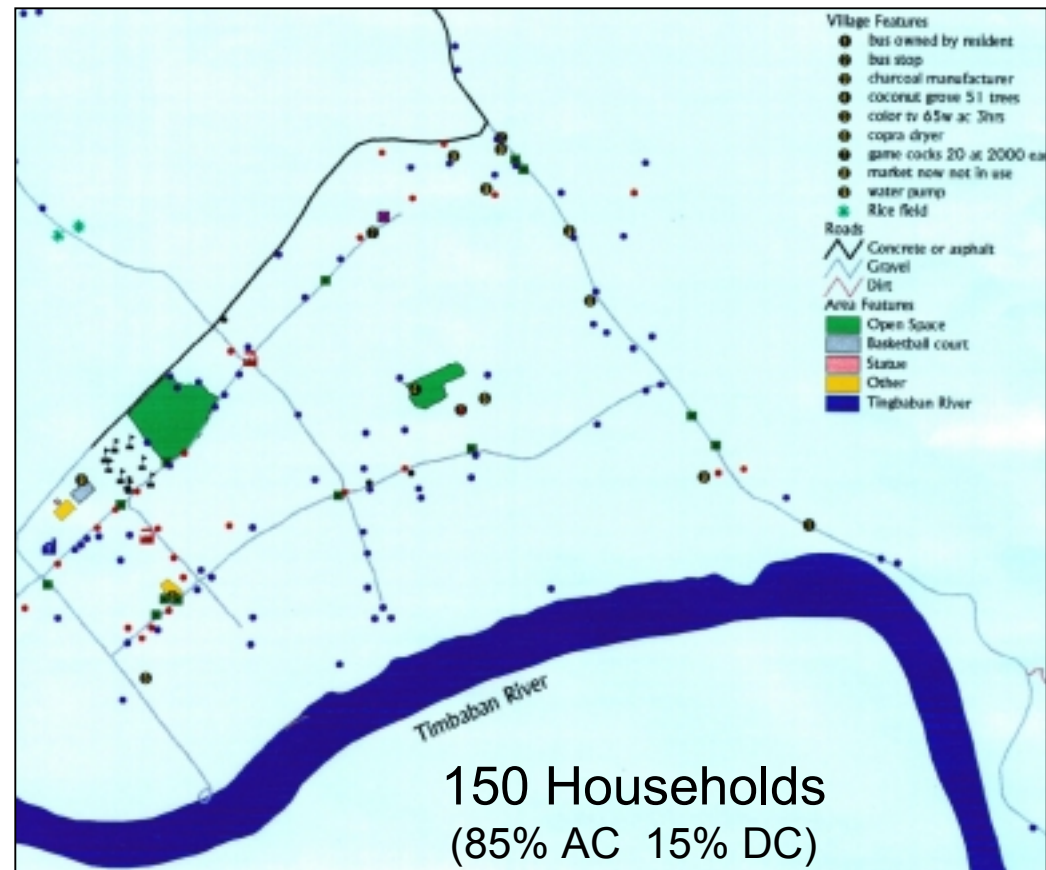
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### Philippines



### Alaminos



\* Integrated Rural Energy Services

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Main Street



Alaminos Family



PV/LPG Hybrid Power System



Typical House



Agreement with Community Leader

# Alaminos Livelihood Projects

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**Objective:** Use R.E. to substantially increase economy of community

## Projects:

Small Coconut Oil Mill

Soap Making

Geo-textiles

- Coir Nets
- Pina Cloth



**Market Locally to Tourists and Globally on Internet**



# Napsan Livelihood Projects

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## Projects:

- Cashew Drying
- Kerogin (seaweed)
- Mariculture
- Cold Storage
- Ice Making
- Geo-textiles
  - Coir Nets
  - Pina Cloth



**Electricity & heat from CPC's Small Modular Biopower System**

# Components For Sustainable, Private Sector-Driven Rural Electrification

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**RESCO:\*** Fee-For-Service, Market Price, Willingness and Ability to Pay, Renewable Energy, BOO

**Livelihood Projects:** New power, new capital, new technology, new enterprises, and new markets for new and existing local products

**Partnerships:** Key roles for entrepreneurs, community leaders, mayors and governors, government agencies, utilities, banks, NGOs, investors, customers, development organizations

\* Rural Energy Services Company

# CPC's RESCO Model

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- ◆ **Serve all customers in a geographic area - build a service territory, build business density, build loyalty**
- ◆ **Use mix of most appropriate renewable energy technologies ( AC, DC, Solar, Biomass, Wind)**
- ◆ **Meet each customer's priority energy requirements with reliable, hassle-free, clean and efficient electricity services**
- ◆ **Charge customers less than what they now pay for inferior energy services from kerosene, batteries, small gensets, candles.**

# CPC's RESCO Model

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- ◆ **Sell energy services – fees, not kWh rates**
- ◆ **Provide customers service, without technology risk**
- ◆ **Use modular/transportable R.E. power systems**
- ◆ **Establish local service infrastructure**
- ◆ **Share capital costs with local/national government, development organization**



# Cooking Smoke: Silent Killer In Developing Countries

**2 million people die each year from inhalation of smoke from cooking fires.**

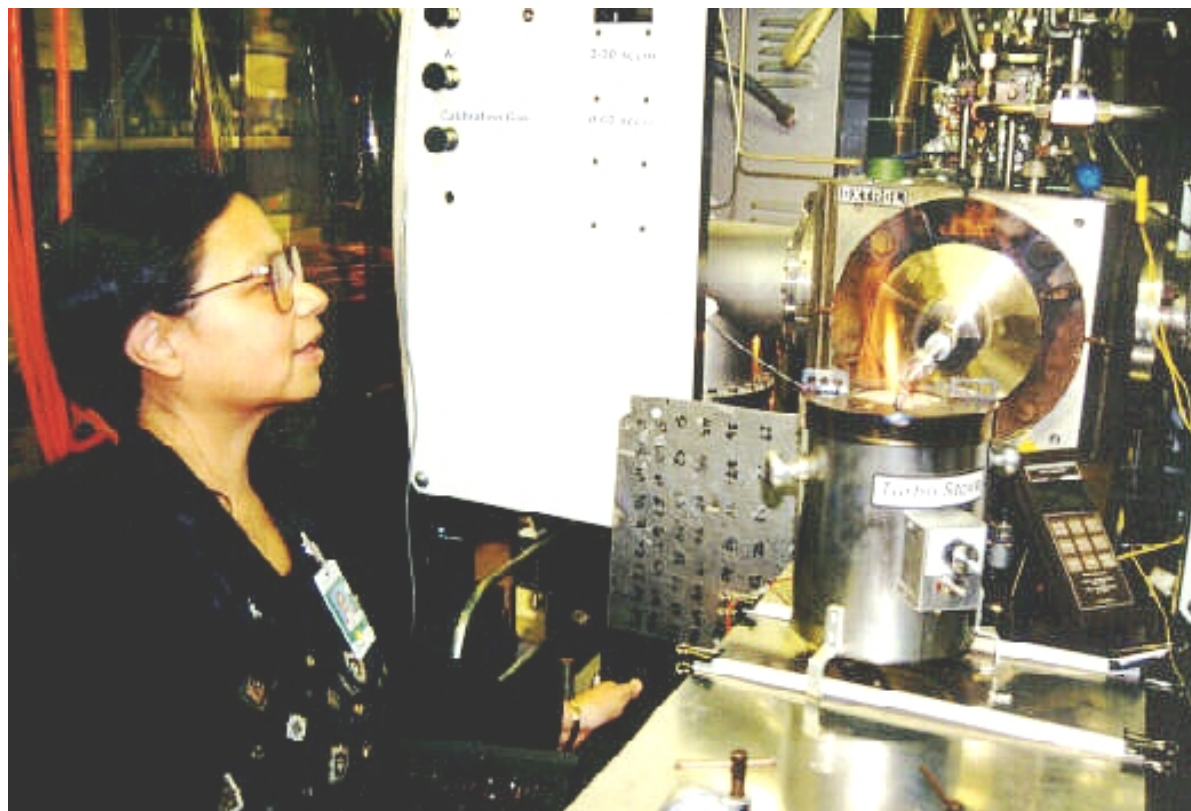
**Deaths from indoor air pollution exceed deaths from tuberculosis, malaria or AIDS.**

**In India alone, 500,000 women and children die each year from cooking smoke.**

*World Health Organization (1996)*



# CPC New Turbo Stove Under Test At the National Renewable Energy Laboratory Golden, Colorado



Dr. Helena Chum, Director Bioenergy Division  
US National Renewable Energy Laboratory

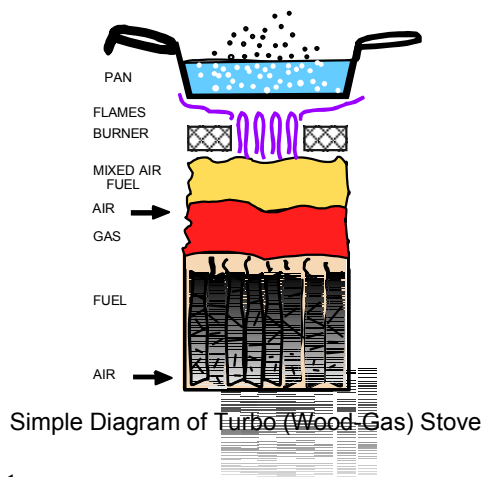
# CPC's NEW TURBO WOOD-GAS STOVE

*A Bioenergy Innovation From Community Power Corporation*



## Traditional 3 Stone Stove

- Burns mainly wood
- Smoky - harmful to health
- Bottom up burning
- Partial combustion
- Hard to start
- Difficult to control heat
- Many tars and dirty pots
- Rapid fuel consumption
- Hard to save charcoal
- Very low cost
- Low maintenance



## New “Smoke-Free” Turbo Stove

- Burns most kinds of biomass
- Complete combustion, much higher efficiency
- Easy to start and control heat
- Smokeless - not harmful to health
- Very few tars - much cleaner pots
- Similar to bottled gas stove
- A little higher cost, but still affordable by most
- Low maintenance
- Requires 2 watts of electricity or mechanical wind-up
- Designed to compliment PV Solar Home Systems



# CPC's Prototype Turbo Stove Is Ready for Field Trials



First Field Trial of Turbo Stove In Indian Village



Turbo Stove Demonstration at CPC

